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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL IRA STRIKES AT ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

SERGEANT IN ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) SHOT DEAD IN AMBUSH NIGHT JANUARY 31 AND CONSTABLE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. TWO RUC OFFICERS WOUNDED IN BOOBY TRAP BOMB BLAST ON M1 MOTORWAY NIGHT FEBRUARY 2. FIRST AMBUSH WAS ON VEHICLE CONVEYING PATROL FROM PERIODIC INSPECTION OF SECURITY GUARD AT HOUSE AUSTIN CURRIE, A LEADER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY. BOOBY TRAP EXPLOSION WAS FINAL SCENE IN CLEVER DRAMA IN WHICH TIP-OFF ABOUT CAR BOMB ON M1 LED CONSTABLES TO DETOUR TRAFFIC. DETOUR SIGNS STORED IN ROADSIDE RACK WHERE BOOBY TRAP CONCEALED. IT CLEAR PROVISIONAL IRA REGAINING EFFECTIVENESS. SINCE ENDING OF CEASEFIRE JAN. 16 THERE SEVEN DEATHS, FIFTY EXPLOSIONS INCLUDING 18 CAR BOMBS MOSTLY IN BORDER AREAS AND 86 SHOOTING INCIDENTS. ANOTHER CATHOLIC PEDESTRIAN WOUNDED BY SHOTS FROM PASSING CAR BELFAST NIGHT FEB. 2.

2. PEACE RALLIES WERE HELD IN BANGOR AND LISBURN FEB. 2 AND PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN RALLIED FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE IN LONDONDERRY IN COMMEMORATION "BLOODY SUNDAY".

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